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**Testimony on behalf of
The Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, Inc.
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**Senate Bill 116 - An Act Concerning Notification of
Pesticide Applications Near Lakes and Ponds**

The Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, Inc. (CRPA) is a nonprofit charitable organization. Our mission is to support the recreation and park profession and steward the future of public parks and recreational opportunities in Connecticut in order to promote active lifestyles, livable communities, and quality of life for all who call Connecticut home. CRPA represents over 750 individual professionals from municipal, nonprofit, and private, park, recreation, and camp organizations, as well as approximately 134 of the 169 municipal park and recreation departments in Connecticut.

CRPA opposes Senate Bill 116 as providing specific dates prior to an application of pesticides on or near a lake would be impossible. Newspaper advertising is mandated per statute and must be purchased weeks in advance. Date ranges, rather than a specific date are used as availability of personnel and weather, specifically rain, will affect the specific date of a planned pesticide application.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with the committee on this important issue.

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